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SUBJECT: CONDITIONS IN THE NORTH

1. BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRIP TO NORTHERN DISTRICTS TOLD ME HE WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMAND HAD PULLED OUT APPROXIMATELY HALF OF MILITARY COMPLEMENT AT MUEDA, MAIN PORTUGUESE STRONGHOLD IN MACONDE PLATEAU AREA OF CABO DELGADO DISTRICT. WHILE THE 1500 TROOPS LEFT ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO DEFEND MUEDA, REDUCED COMPLEMENT MEANS THAT THEIR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS MUST BE SEVERELY CURTAILED, WHICH MAY RESULT IN INCREASED FRELIMO ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.

2. HE FOUND CONDITIONS IN NIASSA DISTRICT MORE RELAXED THAN EVER AND WAS TOLD THAT ROAD IS OPEN FOR TRAVEL WITHOUT MILITARY ESCORT FROM VILA CABRAL TO WITHIN ABOUT 20 KM. OF METANGULA PORTUGUESE NAVAL BASE ON LAKE MALAWI.

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EM HE FOUND PORTUGUESE IN THE AREA CALM AND RELATIVELY

SERENE, REGARDING WITH AMUSEMENT THE APPARENT CONSTERNATION
OF THE BEIRA POPULACE NOW THAT GUERRILLA WARFARE FOR THE
FIRST TIME HAS COME ALMOST WITHIN EARSHOT.
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